

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSAL 1 ON AUGUST 5, 2014 BALLOT TO ELIMINATE PERSONAL
PROPERTY TAX

Kalamazoo Public Library

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Kalamazoo Public Library, County of Kalamazoo, State of Michigan, held in the Library District, on the 28th day of July, 2014, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT: Trustees: C. TenBrink, L. Godfrey, V. Wright, B. Caple,
J. VanderRoest, R. Brown, F. Brown

ABSENT: Trustees: _____

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Trustee L. Godfrey and supported by Trustee R. Brown:

WHEREAS, the Kalamazoo Public Library and libraries across Michigan provide vital public service; and

WHEREAS, Michigan businesses have struggled with an uncompetitive personal property tax on businesses; and

WHEREAS, small businesses and manufacturers power our economy and are the largest contributor to job growth in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, no other state in our region taxes business equipment the way Michigan does – and most of those states don't tax it at all, which makes Michigan significantly less competitive when it comes to job creation and business investment; and

WHEREAS, Michigan communities have struggled for years to pay for essential services like police, fire, ambulances, schools, jails, and libraries; and

WHEREAS, the Kalamazoo Public Library has relied on more than \$1,200,000 a year of Personal Property Tax revenue to provide services; and

WHEREAS, with bipartisan support the Michigan Legislature has voted to reform the antiquated personal property tax to help increase Michigan's competitiveness with other states and remove an onerous tax that will allow more business investments and create more jobs while providing a stable replacement revenue source for local communities; and

WHEREAS, this is not a constitutional amendment but the state constitution requires Michigan voters to approve certain changes in local taxes; and

WHEREAS, Proposal 1 on the August 5, 2014 ballot will make Michigan more competitive, which will help local communities to attract more businesses and talent and create local jobs; and

WHEREAS, Proposal 1 is supported by the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Townships Association, Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, Michigan Association of Police Organizations, Michigan Community College Association, Michigan Farm Bureau, the Small Business Association of Michigan, Michigan Sheriffs Association, Michigan Chamber of Commerce, National Association of Independent Businesses, the Michigan Manufacturers Association, and the Michigan Library Association among others;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kalamazoo Public Library hereby expresses its strong support for Proposal 1 to eliminate the unfair double tax and strengthen our communities. We urge citizens to vote YES on Proposal 1 on the August 5, 2014 ballot.

AYES: Trustees: L. Godfrey, V. Wright, B. Caple, F. Brown, R. Brown,
J. VanderKest, C. TenBrink

NAYS: Trustees: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



Secretary, Board of Trustees

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Kalamazoo Public Library, County of Kalamazoo, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on July 28, 2014, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



Secretary, Board of Trustees